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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BRAZILIAN CONGRESSMAN TO USUN

1. SUMMARY: BRAZILIAN CONGRESSMAN AIRTON SOARES (MDB) VISITED USUN AUGUST 1 AND 2, CONVERSING BRIEFLY WITH AMB YOUNG AND AT SOME LENGTH WITH AMB LOWENSTEIN. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG'S SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZING FORCES IN BRAZIL. HE DELIVERED A MESSAGE TO YOUNG FROM A GROUP OF FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE BRAZILIAN CONGRESS, AND DISCUSSED WITH LOWENSTEIN HIS THEN SCHEDULED TRIP TO BRAZIL. END SUMMARY.

2. HE ASKED IF LOWENSTEIN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH MDB, UNION, STUDENT, BAR ASSOCIATION AND CHURCH LEADERS IN BRAZIL. LOWENSTEIN EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST, AND ASKED SOARES TO SEND ANY INVITATIONS FOR SUCH MEETINGS THROUGH THE EMBASSY. SOARES SAID HE WOULD. SOARES SKETCHED HIS VIEW OF THE CURRENT BRAZILIAN POLITICAL SCENE, EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY TO SUPPORT WHILE CRITICIZING THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, AND THE DELICATE POSITION IN THIS SENSE IN WHICH HE FEELS BOTH THE MDB AND THE USG FIND THEMSELVES. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF THE HARD-LINE CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY BEING NAMED BY THE ARMY AS THE CANDIDATE, AND WHILE URGING LOWENSTEIN TO MEET WITH STUDENT LEADERS AT THE UNIVERSITY
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OF BRASILIA, RECOMMENDED THAT HE STRENGTHEN THEIR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE TWO HOPED TO SEE EACH OTHER IN BRASILIA, AND POSSIBLY TO FLY TOGETHER FROM BRASILIA TO SAO PAULO. SOARES GOT COPY OF LOWESTEIN'S TENTATIVE FLIGHT SCHEDULE IN BRAZIL.

3. SOARES DELIVERED TO YOUNG A DOCUMENT, "THE NEW AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY (POUCHED ADDRESSEES) AND ITS IMPACT IN THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IN BRAZIL WHICH SOARES REPRESENTED AS COMING FROM "THE ELEVEN PRESENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BRAZILIAN CONGRESS" WITH WHOM YOUNG HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO MEET IN GENEVA LAST MONTH, BUT WHICH MEETING, DUE TO AN UNFORTUNATE TIMING CONFLICT, DID NOT TAKE PLACE. SOARES URGED YOUNG TO CONSIDER COMING TO BRAZIL SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, AND REPEATED BRIEFLY HIS FEELING THAT AMERICANS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE DEMOCRATIZING TENDENCIES IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, AND KEEP THE DIALOGUE OPEN. SOARES EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE VISIT OF MRS. CARTER TO BRAZIL, FOR THE HONOR GIVEN TO DOM PAULO EVARISTO ARNS BY NOTRE DAME, AND FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND ITS IMPACT IN BRAZIL. ADDITIONALLY, SOARES MADE A SPECIAL POINT TO YOUNG TO EMPHASIZE HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF EMBASSY BRASILIA IN "ASSISTING THE DEMOCRATIZING FORCES IN BRAZIL. "

4. SOARES GAVE TO MISOFF A BOOK PUBLISHED IN PORTUGAL IN MARCH 1976, "DOS PRESOS POLITICOS BRASILEIROS ; ACERCA DA REPRESSAO FASCISTA NO BRASIL," AND A XEROX OF A TYPED DOCUMENT HE CHARACTERIZED AS AN UPDATE OF THE BOOK, DATED FEBRUARY 1976, AND SIGNED BY THE "COMITE DE SOLIDARIEDADE AOS REVOLUCIONARIOS DO BRASIL". (BOTH POUCHES TO SCHIELE, IO/UNP.)
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5. SOARES RETURNED TO BRAZIL AUGUST. 2.
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